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RESPONSE TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Thank you for the proposed claims. I believe that the proposed claims change the intended meaning of the claims. Therefore, I have attached some alternate claims that I believe more accurately reflect the intention of the original claims. I believe these claims address the lack of antecedent basis.

Please let me know if these claims are acceptable to you.

49. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 43, wherein the one of the plurality of inbound queues stores therein a plurality of packets, and wherein the encryption box does not encrypt each of the plurality of packets.

50. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 43, wherein the encryption box is adapted for encrypting the one of the plurality of inbound queues as an entity such that a single encryption step is performed.

Respectfully submitted,


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